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VII. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES ACTIVITY A. MATERIEL MOVEMENT 1. NORTH VIETNAM ON 6 FEBRUARY A BINH TRAM (BT) 18 ASSOCIATE, LOCATED NEAR EITHER THE THANH HOA OR CHO SI RAILROAD STATION, REPORTED THE APPARENT OFFLOADING OF TWO RAILROAD CARS OF MUNITIONS TALLING 36 TONS. THIS CARGO WAS PROBABLY PART OF A SHIPMENT OF 45 TONS OF MUNITIONS WHICH WAS DISPATCHED TO K181 IN 16 VEHICLES OF BATTALION 255. ALTHOUGH THE CARGO WAS EARMARKED FOR SOUTH VIETNAM, ITS FINAL DESTINATION CANNOT BE CONFIRMED IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT DIVERSION TO NORTHERN LAOS OF SOUTH VIETNAM-DESTINED CARGO. THE SAME ASSOCIATE REPORTED, ON 8 FEBRUARY, THAT SIX RAILROAD CARS, CONTAINING AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF MUNITIONS, WERE ON HAND AT THE RAILROAD STATION. (21 [] 1309-73, (VCJ) 071345Z; 1273-73, (VCJ) 061930Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. NORTHERN LAOS IN LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, POSSIBLY COMMO-LIAISON STATION (T)-3 OF BT 24, OPERATING ALONG THE NAM DU RIVER, DISCLOSED ON 7 FEBRUARY THE FOLLOWING SHIPMENTS FOR 1-5 FEBRUARY, (ALL TOTALS ARE PROBABLY IN KILOGRAMS) ITEM RECEIVED SENT REMAINING RICE 91,324 5833 TO T-4 86,491 MEAT 10,552 UNKNOWN UNKNOWN ON 8 FEBRUARY BT 24 INSTRUCTED T-3 TO SEND TWO BOATS WITH 300 ROUNDS OF 82-MM MORTARS, 200 ROUNDS OF 60-MM MORTARS, AND AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF K-56 AMMUNITION TO T-4. T-4 WAS TO SEND THIS CARGO TO T-5 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RICE AND DRY FOODSTUFFS, WHICH WERE FIRST PRIORITY. ~~(SECRET SPOKE ISHTAR)~~ B. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS LAOS CONCERN OVER THE MOVEMENT OF FOUR CAPTURED FLIERS OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY WAS EXPRESSED IN A 5 FEBRUARY REPORT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUP 2105 TO AN UNIDENTIFIED REAR SERVICES ELEMENT. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE FLIERS WERE TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM 5446, PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO KM 44 (XD 495254, 16-30N 106-23E) ON ROUTE 914, TO 693,6 PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO KM 93 (XD 549505, 16-43N 106-27E) ON ROUTE 1032. THE FLIERS ARE PROBABLY EN ROUTE TO THE BT 9 AREA, SINCE TWO UNIDENTIFIED PERSONALITIES AT BT 9 WERE TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT THEIR MOVEMENT. (21 [] 179-73 (VCJ), 052130Z; 2/R0/182-73 (VCJ), 050124Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ XXHH # 650 18967 NNNH

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